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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

COMPILING A LEXICAL KNOWLEDGE BASE USING BACKWARDS-LINKING

NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

Examiner: Joseph Thomas

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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed September 6, 2007, the Applicant comments as follows.

Applicants agree with the Examiner that the prior art of record, fails to disclose or fairly suggest certain language indicated as appearing in certain claims. However, Applicants respectfully note that the language indicated by the Examiner in some instances does not identically appear in the claims.

To the extent the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance use language not identically appearing in the claims, Applicants note that the claims are not limited by such language, but rather the actual language of the claims speaks for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

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